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Additional Public Health Inspector

M. J. WALLACE, M.A.P.H.I.

Resigned August, 1965

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S T A T I S T I C A L.

The following are the General Statistics for the year 1965 :-

Area of District, in acres	1,241
Population (Census, 1951)	...	...	12,650
Population (Census, 1961)	...	...	12,112
Estimated Population at the middle of 1964 supplied by the Registrar General	...	...	11,880
Number of Inhabited Houses (Census, 1951)	...	...	4,221
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1965 in accordance with the Rate Books			4,544
Rateable value	...	...	£450,378
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£1,800

Public Health Department,
Ryecroft Hall,
AUDEN SHAW.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the health of the district for the year ending 31st. December 1965, as made to the Minister of Health in accordance with his instructions.

The population as estimated by the Registrar General in June 1965 was 11,880, this shows a reduction of one from the previous year of 1964.

The number of Births was 180, one more than the previous year and there were 135 Deaths as compared with 125 in 1964.

It is gratifying to note the reduction in the total number of infectious cases notified during the year. No cases of diphtheria or polomyelitis occurred. This result follows a satisfactorily high rate of immunity in the community. It is to be hoped that this result will encourage continued attention to the importance of prophylactic immunisation.

Deaths due to accidents, (motor and other) have kept a steady rate during the past ten years. It is a matter of great concern that the number of suicides occurring during the year 1965 equals the total number of suicides during the previous nine years. There is no increase to the number of deaths due to coronary disease or bronchitis from the previous year.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Chief Public Health Inspector Mr. W.E. Pollitt and members of the Public Health Department Staff for their co-operation and loyalty. I take this opportunity of thanking the Councillors of the Public Health Committee and Council Officials for their continued encouragement and support.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HAZEL I. ASHFORD, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

BIRTHS:

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	...	89	84	173
Illegitimate	...	5	2	7
		<u>94</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>180</u>
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	...			15.2
Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population				15.6

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Stillbirths - Legitimate	...	1	1	2
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births	...			11.0

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Births - Legitimate	...	90	85	175
Illegitimate	...	5	2	7
		<u>95</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>182</u>

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE:

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	...	-	-	-
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-

INFANT MORTALITY RATE:

All infants per 1,000 live births		-
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		-
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	-

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age :-

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	-	-	-
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS	-
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS	-
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (Stillbirths and deaths during the first week) PER 1,000 TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS	11.0
PERCENTAGE OF ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS	3.9

MATERNAL MORTALITY:

Maternal Deaths	...	-
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 total births		-

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>DEATHS</u>	...	70	65	135

Death Rates per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1965 :-

Crude	...	...	11.4
Adjusted	...	...	12.5

DEATHS FROM CANCER (All ages)	...	21
DEATHS FROM MEASLES (All ages)	...	-
DEATHS FROM WHOOPING COUGH (All ages)	...	-
DEATHS FROM GASTRITIS, ENTERITIS AND DIARRHOEA		-

TABLES.

Tables 1, 2 and 3 give a comparison of the birth and death rates with previous years.

Table 4 classifies the deaths under certain heads.

Tables 5 and 6 classify and compare the deaths in certain diseases during the last 10 years.

Table 7 classifies the deaths of infants under 1 year of age.

T A B L E N O. 1.

COMPARISON OF LOCAL BIRTH AND DEATH RATES
WITH THOSE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Year	Population	Birth Rate		Death Rate	
		Local	England and Wales	Local	England and Wales
1955	12,440	11.70	15.00	12.80	11.70
1956	12,530	12.10	15.70	12.60	11.70
1957	12,480	13.20	16.10	14.00	11.50
1958	12,450	14.30	16.40	11.50	11.70
1959	12,440	15.00	16.50	11.70	11.60
1960	12,420	13.70	17.10	9.60	11.50
1961	12,150	15.60	17.40	12.60	12.00
1962	12,060	16.50	18.00	13.20	11.90
1963	12,050	16.80	18.20	11.40	12.20
1964	11,890	15.10	18.40	10.50	11.30
Average of 10 years		14.40	16.88	11.99	11.71
1965	11,880	15.20	18.10	11.40	11.50

T A B L E N O. 2.

INFANT MORTALITY

Year	No. of Deaths	Rate of Deaths per 1,000 Births Local	Rate of Deaths per 1,000 Births England and Wales
1955	6	41	24.9
1956	6	39	23.8
1957	5	30	23
1958	3	16.9	22.5
1959	3	16.1	22
1960	2	11.8	21.7
1961	2	10.5	21.4
1962	9	45.2	21.4
1963	6	29.6	20.9
1964	4	22.3	20
Average of 10 years		26.2	22.2
1965	-	-	19.0

TABLE

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS PER

	Live Births		Deaths (All causes)		Stillbirths	
	No. Regist- ered.	Rate per 1,000 Popula- tion.	No. Regist- ered.	Rate per 1,000 Popula- tion.	No. Regist- ered.	Rate per 1,000 total births.
YEAR 1965	180	+ 15.2	135	+ 11.4	2	11.0
" 1964	179	15.1	125	10.5	4	21.9
" 1963	203	16.8	137	11.4	2	9.8
" 1962	199	16.5	159	13.2	3	14.9
" 1961	190	15.6	153	12.6	3	15.5
" 1960	170	13.7	119	9.6	2	11.6
Average 5 years 1960 - 1964	-	15.5	-	11.5	-	14.7

+ Adjusted (live birth rate comparability factor 1.03) =
 (death rate comparability factor 1.10) =

2. 3.

1,000 OF ESTIMATED POPULATION.

Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
		Total		Neo-Natal	
No. of Deaths Registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of Deaths Registered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of Deaths Registered	Rate per 1,000 live births
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	6	29.6	3	14.8
-	-	9	45.2	8	40.2
-	-	2	10.5	1	5.3
1	5.81	2	11.8	2	11.8
-	1.16	-	23.9	-	18.9

5.5 per 1,000
1.5 per 1,000

T A B L E N O. 4.

CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING 1965

	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other ...	-	-	-
Syphilitic diseases ...	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections ...	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-
Measles ...	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	2	3	2
" " lung, bronchus ...	3	1	4
" " breast ...	-	3	3
uterus ...	-	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	7	5	12
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	1	-	1
Diabetes ...	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	10	11	21
Coronary disease, angina ...	19	12	31
Hypertension with heart disease ...	-	1	1
Other heart disease ...	5	9	14
Other circulatory disease ...	2	2	4
Influenza ...	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	3	4	7
Bronchitis ...	6	4	10
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	-	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis ...	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	-	-	-
Pregnancy, child birth, abortion ...	-	-	-
Congenital malformations ...	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	5	7	12
Motor-vehicle accidents ...	3	-	3
All other accidents ...	1	-	1
Suicide ...	3	3	6
Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-	-
ALL CAUSES: ...	70	65	135

T A B L E N O. 5.

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES
DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS

Disease	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	4	1
Cancer	21	23	24	33	44	23	36	21	22	27
Influenza	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia	7	2	8	7	6	2	6	3	5	5
Bronchitis	10	10	15	9	9	8	8	14	7	15
Gastritis Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	1	-	-

T A B L E N O. 6.

RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000</u> <u>Estimated population.</u>	
1955	...	0.24
1956	...	0.08
1957	...	0.32
1958	...	Nil
1959	...	0.08
1960	...	Nil
1961	...	Nil
1962	...	0.08
1963	...	0.16
1964	...	Nil
Average of ten years		0.10
1965	...	Nil

T A B L E N O. 7.

INFANT MORTALITY 1965.

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	Under 1 month	3 months
Intra Cranial Haemorrhage	-	-	-
Atalectasis	-	-	-
Prematurity	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u> :-	-	-	-

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

There was a reduction in the number of infectious cases notified during the year, there being 158 cases as compared with 188 in the previous year. This was due to the reduction number of measles cases, 105 as compared with 145 in 1964 and the 7 whooping cough cases as compared with 24 in 1964.

In addition there were 35 dysentery cases notified along with one case of erysipelas.

There were no cases of poliomyelitis or diphtheria during the year.

Six patients were admitted to hospital, the causal diseases and hospitals being as under :-

	Monsall I.D.Hospital Manchester	Westhulme I.D.Hospital Oldham,
Mumps	1	-
Gastro-enteritis	2	1
Diarrhoea	1	-
Pertussis	1	-

T A B L E N O. 8

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Deaths during 1965.

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS</u> ...	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-

No evidence has been forthcoming of persons suffering from active tuberculosis carrying on employment in the milk production or distribution trades, and no compulsion was necessitated in the removal to hospital of any tuberculosis person.

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS.

The number of cases on the register at 31st. December 1965 was as follows :-

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Total Cases		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
21	8	29	2	2	4	23	10	33

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Pathological and bacteriological specimens were dealt with at the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester.

Specimens were examined, as detailed hereunder :-

<u>Nature of Examination:</u>	<u>No. of Specimens.</u>
Typhoid, Salmonella and Dysentery Groups of Organisms	534

The kind assistance and advice given by Dr. Abbott and his staff at the Laboratory during the year was greatly appreciated.

T A B L E N O . 9 .

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1965.

Notifiable Disease	Total Cases All ages	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	Unknown	Total Deaths	Total Cases removed to Hospital
Scarlet Fever	10	-	-	4	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Measles (excluding Rubella)	105	5	11	17	15	15	40	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dysentery	35	-	3	5	3	1	10	1	3	7	-	2	-	1
<u>TOTALS:</u>	158	5	14	26	19	20	57	3	5	7	-	2	-	4

HOSPITALS.

There being no hospitals within the district, facilities are provided by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board as follows :-

- (a) General Medical and Surgical cases were treated at hospitals situated in the Municipal Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne; City of Manchester and County Borough of Stockport.
- (b) Infectious Disease :-
Hyde Isolation Hospital; Westhulme Infectious Diseases Hospital; Monsall Infectious Diseases Hospital, Manchester.
- (c) Tuberculosis :-
Home visits, chest clinic and sanatorium treatment are provided for all known cases.
- (d) Maternity :-
Cases are admitted to Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, and St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

The Lancashire County Council is the Local Health Authority for the area and, through the medium of Divisional Health Committee No. 17, of which Audenshaw is a constituent district, provides the following services :-

1. Maternity and Child Welfare.
2. School Medical Services.
3. Day Nurseries.
4. Midwifery.
5. Health Visiting.
6. Home Nursing.
7. Domestic Help.
8. Vaccination and Immunisation.
9. Prevention of illness, Care and After Care.
10. Mental health.
11. Ambulance Services.
12. Health Education and Propaganda.

The Divisional Medical Officer locally responsible for the above services is :-

Dr. Eric Foster, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
Divisional Health Committee No. 17,
Divisional Health Offices,
St. Michael's Square,
Ashton-under-Lyne.

Public Health Department,
Ryecroft Hall,
AUDENSHAW.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present to you my Annual Report on the environmental health and cleansing services of the district for the year ended 31st. December 1965.

Unfortunately the work of the department was retarded by the resignation of Mr. J. Wallace, Additional Public Health Inspector.

The confirmation of the Council's fourth smoke control area brought a volume of clerical work and a large number of visits to premises in the area had to be made for the purpose of giving advice and inspection of appliances.

Owing to staff shortage little or no routine inspection of the district has been carried out, only in this way can the standard of hygiene in food premises and working conditions in factories be properly controlled.

The refuse collection service was maintained on a seven day collection. There have been difficulties due to sickness, but in the main an excellent service has been provided.

May I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Health Committee, Dr. H.I. Ashford and all members of the staff and employees for their help during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM E. POLLITT, M.A.P.H.I.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY.

Water for the district is supplied by the Ashton, Stalybridge and Dukinfield Joint Water Board. The water which is upland surface water, has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

Only two complaints were received in the Public Health Department concerning poor supply and this was found to be due to insufficient size of the service pipe to the properties in one instance and a stoppage of the service pipe in the other.

Two complaints of leakage of water mains and fittings were referred to the Water Board by the department after complaint of flooding of the sub floor cavity of two dwelling houses. After testing by the Water Board no leakage was found.

No samples were taken by the Chief Public Health Inspector during the year.

The following water samples were taken within the district by the Water Board :-

Samples Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
22	22	-

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

There are 4,486 fresh water closets within the Urban District. The demolition of the older type of dwelling house in the district has now reduced the number of waste water closets to one. However, there are three pail closets remaining within the district and these are on low lying land and not within easy reach of a main sewer.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The effluent from the town sewers was treated by the Ashton, Stalybridge and Dukinfield Joint Sewage Board, with the exception of three premises on the Audenshaw/Manchester Boundary. These premises are connected to the Manchester Sewage System.

Only eight new houses were connected to the system during the year and no serious nuisance has been experienced. Again where possible a free service with regard to the unstopping of house drainage was provided.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

SCAVENGING.

Main roads in the district are swept and kept clean by means of a Yorkshire/Karrier Sweeper Collector. The only difficulty experienced in this regard has been in connection with Guide Lane which forms the approach to Jackson's brick yard and tip. Droppings from motor vehicles, coupled with increased volume of vehicular traffic, make it almost impossible to keep the road clean.

There has been no additions to the classified roads in the district during the year and the list of classified roads remain as follows :-

Class 1 road	2.41 miles.
" 2 "	1.54 "
" 3 "	1.30 "
Unclassified road	8.0 "

<u>Total</u>	13.25

REFUSE COLLECTION

The provision of a seven day collection of refuse has continued throughout the year. This has been achieved by the co-operation of the refuse collection personnel and a strict control over the deployment of labour, especially during times of sickness of the regular refuse collection staff and holidays.

The collection of extra ordinary items of refuse from dwelling houses is a service which is greatly used, and it is rather annoying to find that a few of our residents still persist in dumping at certain points within the district unwanted items when a call or a post card to the department will relieve them of the necessity to even carry it a yard.

With regard to sickness within the department, a total of 3,669 man hours were lost. This represents the services of 1.7 man for a full year and shows an increase over the sickness rate of 1963 and 1964 when the total hours lost were 2,039 and 1,438.

CLEANSING COSTS AND STATISTICS

Total weight in tons of household refuse collected	5,400
Disposed of by controlled tipping	... 5,400
Number of loads of household refuse	... 1,800
Population	... 11,880
Weight in tons per 1,000 of Population	... 454.5
Number of houses and premises	... 4,499
Approximate number of dustbins emptied each cycle	4,535
Average length of haul - in miles	... 2

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The refuse collected within the district is disposed of by controlled tipping at Jackson's Quarry in the Guide Lane Area of the district. Difficulty was experienced in providing sufficient and suitable covering material to allow the tip face to be sealed. This gave rise to tip fires which are always a risk and a serious nuisance, especially when the tip face is situated close to residential property as it was on a few occasions during the year.

The private portion of the quarry is rapidly filling up and it is estimated that in the next twelve or eighteen months the quarry will be completely filled. The purchase of land at Shaw Clough on the Audenshaw/Denton Boundary will then be brought into use as the Council's tip. This land is ideally suited for the purpose, as it is well away from dwelling houses and will provide tipping facilities for the next 25 to 30 years.

REFUSE COLLECTION

<u>Expenditure:</u>	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
(a) Collection				10,402.	18.	10.			
(b) Dustbins				347.	5.	0.			
(c) Salvage				161.	8.	1.			
				<u>10,911.</u>	<u>11.</u>	<u>11.</u>			

Income:

(a) Salvage	574.	1.	3.						
(b) Salvage of Dustbins	379.	13.	9.	953.	15.	0.	9,957.	16.	11.
								(net)	
Cost per ton collected				...			£1.	16.	10 ³ / ₄ .
Cost per 1,000 population				...			£838.	13.	4.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<u>Expenditure:</u>									
(a) Disposal				1,696.	1.	7.			
<u>Income:</u>									
(a) Salvage	48.	18.	6.						
(b) Tipping Charges	117.	16.	0.	166.	14.	6.	1,529.	7.	1.
								(net)	
Cost per ton disposed				...			£-.	5.	8.
Cost per 1,000 population				...			£132.	18.	10.

DUSTBIN STOCK

Period 1st. April, 1965 to 31st. March, 1966.

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Quantity sold</u>	<u>Cost to Local Authority</u>	<u>Establishment charges</u>	<u>Total</u>
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Dustbins	225	347. 5. 0.	32. 8. 9.	379. 13. 9.

SALVAGE

The collection of salvageable materials from within the district is a very important part of the refuse collection service. It reduces the volume of refuse, it reduces the risk of tip fires (by collecting paper separately). It helps to reduce the towns rate if only by a small amount and helps the Country as a whole by the salvaging of raw materials which may, if there were a shortage, have to be imported.

The total income for the year was £622, this is a reduction on the previous year due to the sale of paper unbaled. There is of course a saving of the workmens wage who was previously engaged on paper baling.

WASTE SALVAGE STATISTICS

	1964 - 1965	1965 - 1966	1964 - 1965			1965 - 1966		
	Tons	Tons	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	138.61	114.61	764.	0.	3.	574.	1.	3.
Ferrous Scrap	2.67	2.86	35.	8.	6.	17.	3.	6.
Non-Ferrous "	.28	.13	15.	0.	9.	6.	15.	9.
Textiles	8.37	4.66	49.	9.	0.	24.	19.	3.
Bottles	-	-		-			-	
<u>TOTALS:</u>	152.93	122.26	863.	18.	6.	622.	19.	9.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The task of cleaning the air of Audenshaw continued during the year. The main item of interest was the Minister of Housing and Local Governments letter to local authorities in the black areas who had not submitted a clean air programme urging them to proceed as soon as possible. We are pleased to say that Audenshaw was not one of the authorities, in fact it is interesting to note that this Urban Authority was amongst the first few local authorities to declare part of their area as a smoke control area.

The following chart shows the different areas under smoke control and the acreage of the district which is covered by smoke control orders at the end of the year :-

	Acres	Premises			Total
		Domestic	Industrial	Other	
Area No.1	29.4	192	1	-	193
Area No.2	31.45	283	26	3	312
Area No.3	492.053	122	2	6	130
Area No.4	110.0	450	35	5	490
<u>Total:</u>	662.913	1047	64	14	1125

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS

The treatment of dwelling houses for the eradication of insect pests was carried out during the year. One Council House and seven private houses being treated with D.D.T. sprays and Lindane Pellets.

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Type of Property

Non-Agricultural

	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling houses	(3) All Other	(4) Total (2) (3)	(1) (3)	Agricul- tural.
(i) Number of properties in Local Authority's District ...	11	4,142	232	4,385	4	4
(ii) Number of properties inspected as a result of :-	-	90	26	116	1	1
(a) Notification	-	1,148	26	1,174	-	-
(b) Survey under the Act ...	-	27	-	27	-	-
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose) ...	-	1,364	111	1,475	5	5
(iii) Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Number of properties inspected - in Section (ii) - which were	-	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Rats - Major ...	-	113	5	118	1	1
Minor ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Mice - Major ...	-	103	6	109	-	-
Minor ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
(v) Number of infested properties - in Section (iv) - treated by the Local Authority ...	-	216	11	227	1	1
(vi) Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments ...	-	234	13	247	-	-
(vii) Number of notices served - Treatments ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
(viii) Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

During the year 75 complaints of infestation by rats and 69 of infestation of mice have been received in the department. This has resulted in 216 properties being treated by the departments rodent operator.

The 526 manholes on the town sewerage system were treated twice during the year and on each occasion fluorocetamide was used. This has the advantage of being a direct bait, therefore, only one visit per manhole is required.

SCHOOLS

The toilet facilities at the six schools in the district are good with the exception of one school where the toilets have an external aspect and during inclement weather their use must be an ordeal.

The provision of school meals is a service to be commended, the standard of hygiene at the three school kitchens in the area is very high indeed. At the three schools where no dining room is available the facilities at the disposal of the part-time meals service staff is used to its full advantage, and these ladies in part-time service are to be applauded in their efforts to provide lunches in a hygienic and comfortable manner for the children attending the schools concerned.

All schools have a hot and cold water supply with wash-basins and all the school yards are satisfactorily surfaced.

FACTORIES

Routine inspection of factories was carried out but the number of inspections was greatly reduced on the previous year, 23 inspections only being made in 1965 as against 77 in 1964.

This is due to shortage of qualified staff and it is regretted that this routine work has to be curtailed. This means that at the moment it is not possible to prevent conditions arising which might contravene the Factories Act and these conditions only come to light after complaint.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 TO 1961
Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	48	15	3	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	4	8	-	-
<u>TOTAL:</u>	52	23	3	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found		
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7) :-			
(a) Insufficient ...	1	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL:</u>	3	3	-

Part VIII of the Act.

OUTWORK

Sections 133 and 134

		Nature of Work		
		Wearing Apparel Making, etc.	Rubber Trimming.	Umbrellas, etc.
Number of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	(2)	11	8	1
Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	(3)	-	-	-
Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	(4)	-	-	-
Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises	(5)	-	-	-
Notices served	(6)	-	-	-
Prosecutions	(7)	-	-	-

OFFENSIVE TRADES

At the commencement of the year there were three offensive trades within the district. These were --

Tanner.
Tripe Boiler.
Fell Monger.

However, during the year two have closed down leaving only the Fell Monger operating.

No nuisance has been experienced, but again it was not possible due to staffing difficulties to make inspections.

HOUSING

The demolition of property in the Guide Lane Redevelopment Area was completed during the year and the Poplar Street Clearance Order was confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

Inspection of dwelling houses on receipt of complaint was carried out and no cases of overcrowding were discovered.

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED BY THE SERVICE
OF INFORMAL AND STATUTORY NOTICES
DURING 1965.

Drains and closets etc.	...	60	Gutters repaired	...	11
Windows repaired	...	13	Yard surfaces relaid	...	1
Roofs repaired	...	7	Rain water pipes		
Walls plastered	...	1	repaired	...	8
Defective flashings	...	2	Doors repaired	...	1
Damp walls remedied	...	10	Skirting boards repaired	...	1
Floors repaired	...	3	Accumulation of rubbish	...	6
Defective door steps	...	1	Sinks repaired etc.	...	4
Dustbins renewed	...	6	Window sills repaired	...	3
Cisterns repaired	...	4	Walls repaired	...	5

S T A T I S T I C S

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

(i)	By the local authority	...	Nil
(ii)	By other local authorities	...	Nil
(iii)	By other bodies or persons	...	1

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	145
(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	...	498
(c)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	...	134

2.	Total number of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit		25
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2. HOUSES DEMOLISHED :-

In Clearance Areas - (Housing Act, 1957, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954):

	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	33	79	26
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas:			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957 ...	-	-	-
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
3. <u>UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED :-</u>	Number		
(1) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
(2) Under Sections 17(3), 26, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

4. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED :-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority ...	11	-
(2) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	30	-
(b) Under Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 ...	-	-

5. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (HOUSING ACT, 1957) :-

Position at end of year :

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation.

(a) Under Section 48

(b) Under Section 17 (2)

(c) Under Section 46

(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53.

Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in Column (1) (2)
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

6. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT :-

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year.

Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in Col. (1) (2)
16	50

7. HOUSING ACT, 1949 AND HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, ETC.

	Private bodies or individuals.		Local Authority.	
	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority.	-	-	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority.	-	-	-	-
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry.	-	-	-	-
(e) Work completed.	-	-	-	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above	-	-	-	-

8. HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 - STANDARD GRANTS :-

ACTION DURING YEAR:

- (a) Submitted to local authority.
- (b) Approved by local authority.
- (c) Work completed.

No. of dwellings or other buildings affected.
28
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Visits were made to food premises within the Urban District but these visits were insufficient to keep a proper control. This, of course, is due again to shortage of qualified staff.

The following premises were registered under the Lancashire County Rivers Board and General Powers Act, 1938 for the sale of ice cream, the manufacture of sausage or preserved foods :-

Butchers	...	9
Dairy Farms	...	1
Grocers	...	17
Sweets and Confectioners		13
Cafes	...	2
Canteens	...	2

The examination of food stocks resulted in the condemning as unfit for human consumption 4378 lbs of food.

The following is a list of food premises by type of business, in the district at the end of the year.

General grocers and provision dealers	...	33
Greengrocers and fruiterers, including fishmongers	...	15
Meat shops	...	13
Bakers and confectioners	...	6
Fried fish shops	...	6
Shops selling sweets, minerals, ice cream	...	10
Licensed clubs, canteens	...	30

FOOD SAMPLING

The Lancashire County Council are the Food & Drugs Authority for the County District of Audenshaw and I am indebted to Dr.S.C. Gawne County Medical Officer of Health, for details of samples obtained within the district under the provisions of the Food & Drugs Act 1955.

A total of 48 samples was obtained, comprising 21 milk and 27 others as follows :-

1 Black treacle	3 Christmas puddings
3 Sweets	2 Flour confectionery
1 Tea	1 Suet (shredded)
1 Syrup	2 Soup (canned)
1 Sugar	2 Pickles
3 Beef sausage	1 Marmalade
2 Pork sausage	1 Minced meat
1 Meat (fresh). Hamburger	1 Custard powder
1 Bacon	

I give below details of those samples upon which the County Analyst gave adverse reports :-

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
1 Formal milk (Channel Islands)	Freezing point indicated presence of 0.6% water	Producer cautioned.
1 Beef Hamburger (fresh)	Meat content only 62.0%. Poor in meat content.	None advised.
1 Beef sausage	Contained preservative with- out declaration.	Vendor cautioned.
1 Soup (canned)	Poor in solid content.	None advised.

ICE CREAM

The inspection of ice cream premises including vehicles selling ice cream was carried out but no samples were sent for analysis.

MILK SUPPLY

The following indicates the number of milk samples submitted to the Public Health Pathological Laboratory at Withington Hospital.

Samples for biological examination ... 54

<u>Results -</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative.</u>
Tuberculosis	-	-
Brucellosis - Ring test	34	19
" Culture test	9	44
" Biological test	-	1

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

Visits re :-

		<u>No. of visits</u>
Cases of notifiable disease	...	24
Drainage, closets, etc.	...	82
Filthy and verminous premises	...	1
Factories	...	15
Food premises	...	87
Housing Act	...	397
Public Health Act	...	224
Offensive trades	...	1
Public conveniences	...	41
Refuse collection, salvage and disposal	...	511
Rats and mice	...	26
Smoke Control	...	284
Smoke Observations	...	4
Schools	...	6
Water Supply	...	1
Workshops	...	1
Offices, Shops, etc.	...	29
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1734</u>

Notices served, etc :-

	Served		Complied with		
	Informal	Statutory	Informal	Statutory	
				By Owner	In default
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS.	52	105	44	73	24
FACTORIES ACT	3	Nil	3	Nil	Nil
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT	3	Nil	3	Nil	Nil
PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>TOTAL:</u>	55	105	47	73	24

